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FREEPORT LAW PARTNERS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR FAILURE TO FILE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and ALONNA MONEGAIN-ARNOLD, Acting Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service–Criminal Investigation (“IRS-CI”), today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **JAMES G. MADDEN**, 71 (DOB: 6/03/33), 66 N. Stewart, Freeport, to 12 months in federal prison without parole, and **WILLIAM E. SISLER**, 61 (DOB: 7/26/43), 2124 Running Deer, Freeport, to 3 months in federal prison without parole, each for failing to file federal personal income tax returns for which they were separately charged. Madden and Sisler, who were Freeport law partners, each pleaded guilty on May 26, 2004 in Rockford federal court.

In pleading guilty, Madden admitted that he had not filed a federal personal income tax return for 11 years, from 1991 through 2001, despite gross income for these years totaling at least \$802,642 and tax due and owing for these years totaling at least \$201,722. Madden acknowledged that following each tax year, he would file for an automatic extension of time to file his tax return, but never would actually file his return or pay the tax due and owing. In addition to 12 months in federal prison, the court ordered Madden to serve one year of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay \$500 for costs of prosecution.

In pleading guilty, Sisler admitted that he had not filed a federal personal income tax return for three years, from 1997 through 1999, despite gross income for these years totaling at least \$285,113 and tax due and owing for these years totaling at least \$80,165. Sisler acknowledged that following each tax year, he would file for an automatic extension of time to file his tax return, but never would actually file his return or pay the tax due and owing. In addition to three months in federal prison, the court ordered Sisler to serve one year of supervised release following his release from prison, including 3 months of home confinement, and to pay a \$3,000 fine and \$500 for costs of prosecution.

The case was investigated by the Downers Grove Office of IRS-CI. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love.

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